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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN FRESH BEEF and MUTTON.—Headquarters, Philippines Division, Office Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I., January 3, 1910.—Sealed Proposals, in triplicate, subject to usual conditions, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock A.M., April 5, 1910, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering about six million six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Beef and two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Mutton to the Subsistence Department, U.S. Army, at Manila, P.I., during year ending June 30, 1911. The contractor will be required to pay all customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount advertised for, upon reasonable notice to the contractor, or to increase the amount with his consent. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bidder's guarantee in the amount of \$20,000 or with certified check for that sum on a Bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond. Blanks and full information furnished on application to this Office or to nearest United States Consul. Envelopes containing proposals must be marked: "Proposals for Frozen Fresh Beef and Mutton for fiscal year 1911, to be opened April 5, 1910," and addressed to the undersigned.—D. L. BRAINARD, Lieut.-Col., D.C.C., U.S. Army, Chief Commissary. [124]

HEALTH EXPERTS AT THE BOVRIL FACTORY.

THE Earl of ASTRAS, K.P., SIR JAMES CRICHTON-BROWNE, M.D., F.R.S., and other Directors of BOVRIL LIMITED, received a distinguished party of Health Experts on 6th November, 1909, at the BOVRIL FACTORY in London. The Company included the members of the South-Eastern Section (Great Britain) Sanitary Association. The visitors were conducted in parties over the magnificent premises of the Company, and one and all commented upon the cleanliness and brightness of the Factory, and the splendid appearance of the factory hands. The splendidly equipped laboratories, where the raw materials are subjected to the scrutiny of experts, were then inspected, and the visitors were shown the concentrated beef materials in factories of the vast BOVRIL Estates. Sir JAMES CRICHTON-BROWNE delivered the following most interesting speech:

"I am glad to be allowed to add a word of welcome to what Lord Astra has already said. You have come here to-day spontaneously, by your own desire, at your own suggestion, and you are particularly welcome guests to the Directors of BOVRIL LIMITED, because they know that you are fair and intelligent and discriminating critics. You are all food specialists. The examination of food is part of your daily duty, and you are therefore peculiarly capable of understanding and appreciating the various steps and processes in the manufacture of an article that has become an important element of food to the people of this country."

A TEMPLE OF SANITATION.

"I venture to think that those works which you have seen this afternoon are a temple of sanitization. Everything that is possible is done to secure purity and cleanliness. You have witnessed the evolution of BOVRIL throughout all its stages of growth, and you have seen it clothed and decorated, that is to say, bottled and labelled and ready to be sent forth to all quarters of the globe."

"I am not going to expatiate upon the scientific principles that underlie all the manipulations and methods you have seen here, nor am I going to enlarge upon the physiological reasonableness of the resultant article BOVRIL, the quintessence of beef the epitome of bovine volume. You have witnessed that it is prepared with the most scrupulous care, and that everything is done to secure that it is of the very best quality. BOVRIL has chemists of its own in its laboratories, both here and on the cattle estates, so that it is able to send out with every invoice a certificate guaranteeing that that BOVRIL is up to standard and description. There is an experimental analysis of BOVRIL carried on in the large scale by making at large to which BOVRIL can now appeal, an analysis carried on, not in the chemical laboratory, but in the laboratory of the human stomach and body. In the mouths of millions, the claims of BOVRIL are justified. Millions who have tasted and tried it to-day are satisfied that the flavour of BOVRIL excites the appetite; that BOVRIL is a powerful aid to digestion; that it stimulates the nerves without subsequent depression; that it relieves fatigue, and that it is invaluable in the sick-room and during convalescence after sickness. It is a business preparation. If it invokes art and humour in spreading abroad a knowledge of its virtues, it makes no extravagance, no incorrect pretences; it holds out no promises that cannot be realized, but it is, as I have said, a genuine food, and rests its reputation on its merits."

The visitors were much impressed by the photographs of the fine stock of the BOVRIL estates, and also by a large map, on which it was shown that the BOVRIL Cattle Estates (over 9,000,000 acres) would cover a quarter of the whole country, if situated in England. [72]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SUMATRA".

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th inst. at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [1]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

M. COLIN CUNNINGHAM SCOTT is admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Hongkong, China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [111]

## NOTICE.

WE have This Day Authorized Mr. G. BINDER to Sign our Firm.  
FERD. BORNEMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [112]

## NOTICE.

WE have Authorized M. HAKON A. SCHLUTER and M. WOLDEMAR WEDEKIND to Sign our Firm for Procurement.

REUTER BROCKELMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, Canton, 1st January, 1910. [113]

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. AUGUST ZICKERMANN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December.

Messrs. GUSTAV ENGEL and HANS TIEFENBACHER have been admitted partners from To-day.

W. MEYERINK & Co.  
1st January, 1910. [114]

## NOTICE.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ASSETS EXCEED £11,000,000.

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

RESERVES £1,002,772. [122]

THE Undersigned AGENTS for the above Companies, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

W. MEYERINK & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [119]

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. C. KOCH in our Firm CEASED on his death, on the 12th of September last.

Mr. C. ROGGE having retired from our Firm, his Interest and Responsibility Ceased on the Same Date.

Mr. A. W. SNOWMAN having taken over the Business with all assets and liabilities, will continue same under the Same Style as from above Date.

LAMKE & ROGGE.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [115]

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Firm of MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. CEASED on 31st day of October, 1909.

A. FINDLAY SMITH.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [116]

## NOTICE.

MR. ERNST OSCAR RUDOLPH VOLLRBRECHT is admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [117]

## NOTICE.

MR. ERNST VOLLRBRECHT, having Left our Employ, CEASES to Sign for Procurement from This Date.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [118]

## NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that on and after the 3rd day of January, 1910, the Business known as YAN KEE (present owner KWOK CHI), or No. 30, Lyndhurst Terrace, together with the goodwill, will be taken over by HOP HING CHEUNG, who will not be Responsible for any Debts or Loans of Business contracted in connection with the said Business prior to that Date.

HOP HING CHEUNG.  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [1579]

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the Undersigned A. W. PURNELL and C. S. PAGET, carrying on the Business of Architects and Civil Engineers at Canton in the Empire of China under the Style or Firm of PURNELL and PAGET will on the 31st (thirty-first) day of December, 1909 (one thousand nine hundred and nine), be Dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due or owing by the late Firm will be received and paid by the Undersigned C. S. PAGET, by whom the Business will in future be carried on.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1909.  
ARTHUR W. PURNELL,  
1576] CHARLES SOUDERS PAGET.

## NOTICE.

CHARGEURS REUNIS.

BY mutual agreement between the Compagnie des MESSAGERIES MARITIMES and the Compagnie des CHARGEURS REUNIS, the Hongkong Agency of the Chargeurs Reunis will from the 1st of January, 1910, be transferred to Messrs. P. A. LAPICQUE & Co. (Queen's Building, No. 4).

CHARGEURS REUNIS,  
P. LAPICQUE & Co.,  
Agents.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,  
P. THOMAS,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [1578]

## NOTICE.

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SHOTS. From No. 10 to SSSG. at \$6, \$7 and \$7.50 per 100, SPORTING REQUISITES and AIR GUNS in Variety.

Inspection Invited.

W.M. SCHMIDT & Co.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1908. [1314]

NEW YEAR GOODS

CARDS, CRACKERS, DOLLS, POSTAGE STAMPS, &c.

GRACA & CO.

27, Des Voeux Road.

110.

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following day will be observed as BANK HOLIDAY.—

MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1910.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following day.—

MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1910.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

By Order, A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following day.—

MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1910.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1555]

By Order, A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1555]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be Responsible for any Debt contracted by his wife, ELIZA MARIA FERNANDEZ.

M. A. FERNANDEZ.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1573]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

ON EVERY SUNDAY.

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Returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

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Children under 12 years Half Price.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1531]

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In Drums and Barrels of Various Colours. Prospects and all further information from

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(Machinery Dept.), Hongkong,

Sole Agents

Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

FOR SALE.

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TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00.

CHINA EXPRESS CO.,

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FOR SALE.

THE CUTTER YACHT "BRYN HILDE" as she lies off AH KING's, with all Gear and Stores, Bedding and Mess Traps on Board.

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**NO. 3, MORRISON HILL.** Immediate entry.  
Apply—  
MESSRS. JADEINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [93]

TO LET.

**GODOWNS** Nos. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 3, (Tang Lap Ting's) Godown East Point.  
Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate.  
Apply to—  
KAM FOOK,  
No. 107, Wellington Street,  
behind the Star Hotel or Keeper of  
No. 6, Godown on the Spot.  
Hongkong, 22th May, 1909. [93]

TO LET.

**IN NO. 6, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, ONE GODOWN.**  
In No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.  
ROOMS in College Chambers, No. 31 Wyndham Street.  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1909. [95]

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS.

**OFFICES** facing the Harbour from about October at present in occupation of Messrs. JADEINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [89]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

“**INTALLON**,” 126A, BARKER ROAD, Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only.  
Apply to—  
GODDARD & DOUGLAS.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [100]

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FOR COAL, TIMBER, &amp;c.

**TO BE LET**, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 235 at NORTH POINT Suitable for above Purpose. **EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.**

Also FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PLAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE.  
For Particulars, apply—  
GEO. FENWICK & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [84]

TO LET.

**NO. 2, ELLIOTT CRESCENT, ROBINSON ROAD.** Six Rooms House, with Outhouse, Commanding a Fine View of the Harbour.  
Apply to—  
F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO,  
33, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [94]

TO LET.

**NO. 2, DEACONSFIELD ARCADE,** facing the Parade Ground. PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs. CO., known as 21, Whitefield, Shauki-  
SES at SHAMEEN, CANTON, now in the Canton Kowloon Railway. STONDAL (furnished), No. 100, Peak, to October, 1910.  
EYELIE No. 13, Peak, Six Rooms, Court and very Large Garden.  
ACONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on floor, well suited for Offices.  
25, SHELLEY STREET (new House).  
OUSES in BELLIOS TERRACE, BUNSON ROAD, newly painted and color-shed, exceptionally cheap rentals.”

**FOR SALE**—  
TO CREST, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.  
Apply to—  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
3rd Floor, Alexandra Building.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [91]

TO LET.

**GODOWN**, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [90]

TO BE LET.

**WITH** Possession from March, 1910. (Unfurnished or if desired the furniture could be taken over at a valuation.) “**LAN MOE**,” Peak Road. Six Rooms semi-detached house, commanding a good view of the harbour. Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden.

**NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS**, Nathan Road Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

**KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48**, Yau Ma Tei, Area 85,200 square feet with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [99-109]

TO LET.

**NOS. 52 and 69, CAINE ROAD.**  
Apply to—  
HO U-MING,  
81, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [96]

TO LET.

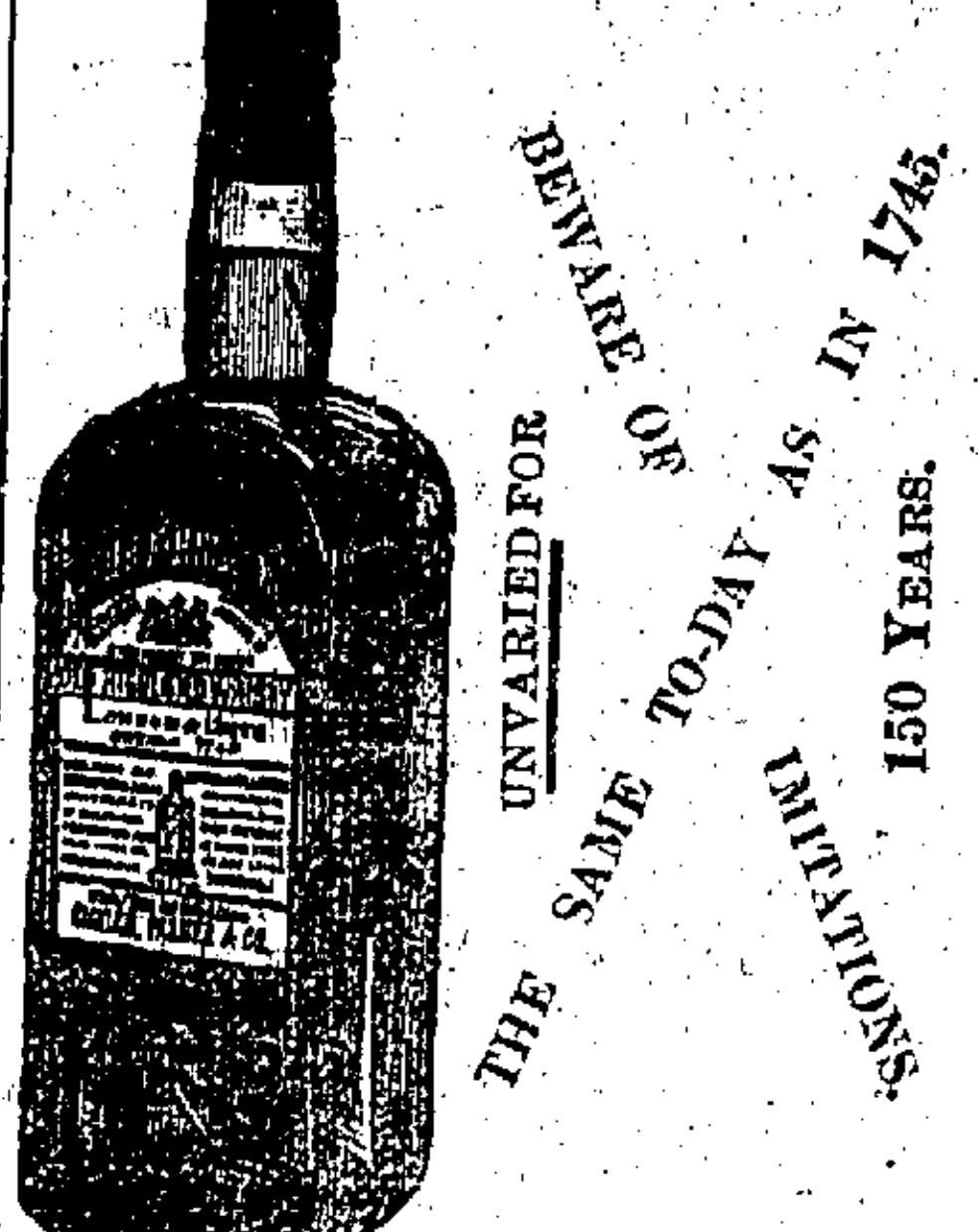
**A HOUSE** in Wong Nei Chong Road.  
A HOUSE in RIPPON TERRACE, OFFICES TO LET, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.  
No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.  
OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

**GODOWNS** in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, DES VŒUX Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.  
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [87]

**NAPIER JOHNSTONES' "SQUARE BOTTLE" WHISKY.**



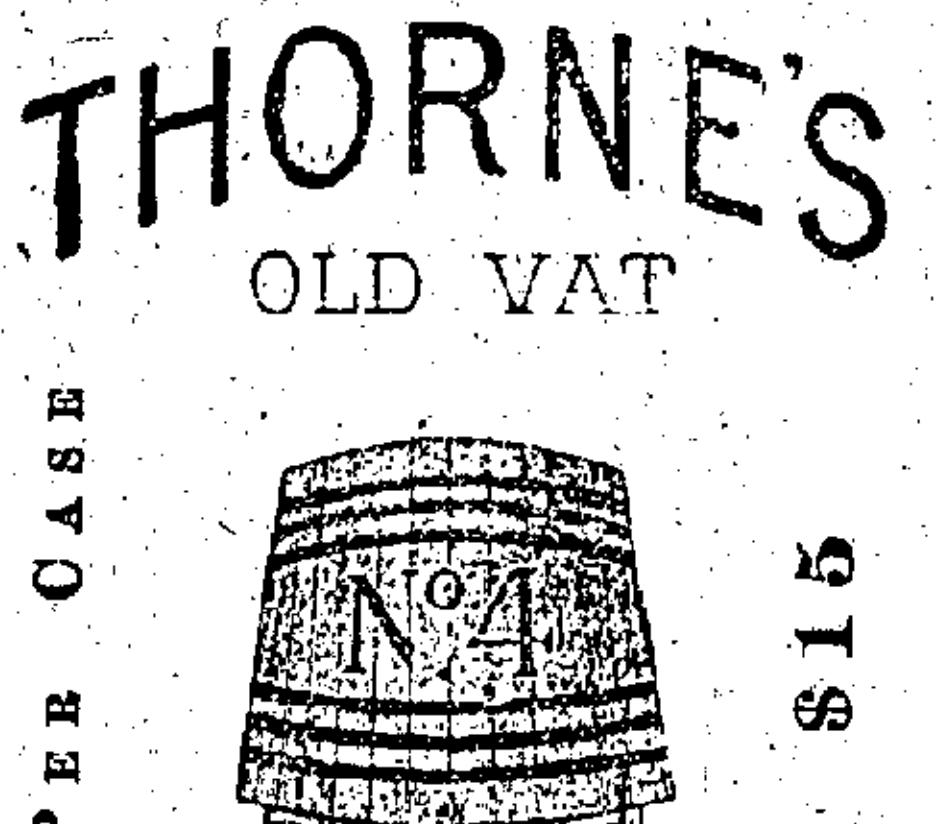
SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**,  
and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [46]



These tiny Capsules — superior to Copalba, Cubeb, and Injections — CURE the same diseases as these drugs in **FORTY-EIGHT HOURS** without inconvenience.

Each Capsule bears the name,  
Paris, 8, rue Vivienne  
Sold by all Chemists.

AS SUPPLIED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND HOUSE OF COMMONS.



SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONG KONG, CHINA & MANILLA.  
**A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.**  
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**C. SCHRÖTER**, King's Buildings, LTD., Care of Garrelle, Borer & Co., Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [86]

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NO. 2, OLD BAILEY. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to—

**ARATTOON V. APCAR & CO.**, 14, Des Vœux Road, Hongkong, 5th December, 1909. [88]

TO LET.

**GODOWN**, No. 52, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.**, Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [88]

TO LET.

**A BRIGHT AIRY ROOM**, suitable for Office. Entry under arrangement. Enquire at Chinese Central Y.M.C.A. Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1577]

**SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.**

ELECTRIC BODY HEAT—WHALE MATES THAT DEATH DOES NOT SEPARATE—PAPER GASES—AN EARTHQUAKE ALARM—WOOD CASTING—VIBRATION IN MOVING PICTURES—A POCKET OF CARBONIC ACID—VOTING IN ONE SECOND—LIGHT WITHOUT MATCHES.

Heating the tissues of the body by the passage of very rapidly-alternating currents is the novel idea lately introduced into electrical therapeutics by Drs. von Preys and von Bernad, of Vienna. In a process called fulguration, physicians in France and elsewhere have been for some years using for medical purposes glow discharges from highly-charged induction coils, and the superioit burning or heating has hastened the healing of cancers after operation and otherwise given good results. For the new method, to be known as thermo-penetration, Siemens and Halsoe have constructed a simple combination of two coils that gives a current of very rapid oscillations and adjustable strength. The terminals are applied to the part of the body to be heated, so that the current flows into the body directly, instead of through an air-space as in fulguration, and the internal temperature is raised by resistance just as a lamp filament is heated. This is the first effective application for increasing bodily temperature. The sensation is an agreeable warmth without pain, and important curative effects are expected, especially in such cases as cancer.

A species of whale that seems to commit suicide has been brought to the notice of the Paris Academy of Science by Edmund Perrier. These whales are 16 feet long, have only two teeth, and are so rare that only 23 have been known, only a single specimen having been preserved. They come ashore only in pairs, and if either male or female is killed, the death of the other promptly follows.

Mills for spinning yarn from paper exist in Germany and France, and another is being established in southern Sweden. The paper yarn seems to be especially adapted for rugs and carpets. Carpets from unsup paper tape are being made already in Sweden, and Consul-General E. D. Winslow reports that this homegrown product is apparently very satisfactory.

The unseasiness of animals before earthquakes has suggested to A. Maccioni, an Italian, that the nervous system may be affected by electric waves coming from earthquake centres a little in advance of the mechanical shocks. Acting on this theory, he has devised a detector for such waves, using a coherer sensitive to all wavelengths which is connected by wire to an upright metal plate in the ground, and is in circuit with a battery and a sensitive galvanometer or relay. When electric waves from the earth are received, the relay closes the circuit of a strong battery acting upon a registering mechanism, a clock and a bell. Recording the ordinary mechanical shocks by means of a very sensitive seismograph, two earthquake movements were observed on April 11, and it was found that from a centre of disturbance fourteen miles away the electric waves were made known four minutes before the arrival of the mechanical waves. Though the new instrument is being first applied to earthquake study, it should prove of life-saving value in giving warning of dangerous shocks.

“Melted wood,” first produced 17 or 18 years ago, was forgotten after having been recorded as a scientific curiosity. Francis Marre reports that further experiments have been lately made in France, and that after the volatile substances have been distilled from wood chips, the fibrous skeleton and the mineral salts are heated in a boiler to 1,500 degrees F. for two hours, in an atmosphere of somewhat compressed nitrogen. The mass thus obtained is hard and homogeneous, but the melting can be performed without drawing off the distillation products and then the fused wood becomes a hard amorphous solid, with a fine grain, and taking a fine polish. The new material which can be cast and moulded and made indestructible by preservatives, seems to be adapted to many uses.

The fatiguing effect of moving pictures thrown on a screen is not due to the passage of the film itself, but is produced by the shutter that repeatedly cuts off the light during the motion of the film. The painful vibration has been remedied by running the shutter motor four times as fast, cutting off the light 56 times a second instead of 14.

A French coal-mine has been remarkable for its emissions of carbon dioxide. The most violent outbreak occurred in July, 1907, and immediately followed the explosion of five pounds of dynamite in eight blasts in a seam of coal at the bottom of a shaft 1,000 feet deep. Dust in great quantities was thrown out for an hour and a half, the outflow of gas continuing twelve hours. Three workmen were suffocated, occupants of neighbouring houses showed symptoms of asphyxia, and over an area of country about 3,300 feet long and 1,600 feet wide, chickens, dogs and birds were killed by the gas. From the surface of the ground 52 tons of very fine coal dust were collected, the wind having probably carried away as much more. The dust covered the machine room, sixty feet from the mouth of the shaft, to the depth of a yard, and penetrated to workings 50 feet from the shaft. From the various galleries of the mine nearly 1,800 tons of coal dust were taken. The coal seam penetrated was about sixty feet thick, and the great quantity of gas liberated has been attributed to this unusual thickness and the large area covered by the simultaneous blasts.

The “Psophograph,” the new voting machine that has been attracting much favour in Italy, is about two feet and a half high, and has slots in

the back for receiving votes, which are cast in the form of heavy discs. As a disc drops, it is recorded in the corresponding section in the front of the machine. Votes may be cast rapidly, and totals are accurately shown with but delay for counting. With about one vote a second, it is estimated that two machines—one for “ayes” and one for “noes”—would record the 670 votes in six minutes. The vote of the stone masons of Milan on the question of a strike was taken within an hour.

The “Sulphite,” a self-lighting cycle lamp, makes a modern use of the old flint and steel. Turning on water generates acetylene from the calcium carbide, and as soon as the emission is sufficient, a trigger is released that sends a shower of sparks across the burner, igniting the gas. The lighting device is simply a piece of file steel arranged to produce sparks by striking a piece of flint.

**HEAD-HUNTING** IN BORNEO.

A correspondent writing to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, in reference to an article “Head-Hunting in Borneo,” says—

Forty or fifty years ago, the “barbaric” cult of “head-hunting” undoubtedly did exist to a great extent among the Dyaks, although even then I believe that the picturesque preliminaries described by the authority from whom you quote can hardly be looked on as accurately depicted. They certainly do not exist now, nor for many years back. As these tribes are peculiar to Sarawak, and to Sarawak alone, perhaps a word or two may not be out of place from one who lived among them some twenty or thirty years ago, and who has kept in touch with the country ever since. It is possibly ancient history, but it seems to be called for, to refer to the gallant and self-sacrificing work of Sir James Brooke, the first Rajah of Sarawak, who more than fifty years ago had a three-nation battle to fight. On the one hand were the ill-guided and turbulent tribes in the interior, who were head-hunters. On the other were the Malay, Ilancon, and Sar pirates, who pressed the Sea-Dyaks into their service, and who swept the shores and rivers of the land, which had been confided to their charge by the Sultan of Brunei. Their depredations were not locally confined, to villages and native shipping generally, but were an ordinary risk by British and other shipping passing Chinaward through the Straits and Islands. The third and the greatest obstacle in the path was to be found in the English Parliament, where, even in those days, there were men (may their names sink into oblivion!) not ashamed to make prejudiced and ill-informed attacks on an absent man. It was not too high a compliment to call such attacks ungenerous. It is, surely, sufficient that the name of Sir James Brooke will stand out clear in British history when those of his contemporaries have vanished from memory.

It might, in these hurried days, be worth while recalling to the memories of some of your readers that not much more than half a century ago piracy in the Straits, among the Islands there, and in the China Seas, was not of rare occurrence, and that the extinction of this Socialistic “programme” was mainly effected by the first Rajah of Sarawak. He had the willing and friendly assistance of the late Admiral Sir Harry Keppel, and also of Admiral Sir John Dalrymple-Hay, who, I imagine, if alertness and courage carry value, and if opportunity offered, would be as ready to-day to break up a piratical fleet as he was to clean Bias Bay and the Tonquin River in 1849.

For many years back the firm, benevolent, and almost patriarchal rule of the present Rajah—who, however, has done his full share of the necessary fighting in earlier time—has brought his country into a condition of order, peace, prosperity, and contented happiness, which I venture to say is unsurpassed either in Great Britain and Ireland or in any other part of the British Empire.

“Melted wood,” first produced 17 or 18 years ago, was forgotten after having been recorded as a scientific curiosity. Francis Marre reports that further experiments have been lately made in France, and that after the volatile substances have been distilled from wood chips, the fibrous skeleton and the mineral salts are heated in a boiler to 1,500 degrees F. for two hours, in an atmosphere of somewhat compressed nitrogen.

The mass thus obtained is hard and homogeneous, but the melting can be performed without drawing off the distillation products and then the fused wood becomes a hard amorphous solid, with a fine grain, and taking a fine polish. The new material which can be cast and moulded and made indestructible by preservatives, seems to be adapted to many uses.

The fatiguing effect of moving pictures thrown on a screen is not due to the passage of the film itself, but is produced by the shutter that repeatedly cuts off the light during the motion of the film. The painful vibration has been remedied by running the shutter motor four times as fast, cutting off the light 56 times a second instead of 14.

A French coal-mine has been remarkable for its emissions of carbon dioxide. The most violent outbreak occurred in July, 1907, and immediately followed the explosion of five pounds of dynamite in eight blasts in a seam of coal at the bottom of a shaft 1,000 feet deep. Dust in great quantities was thrown out for an hour and a half, the outflow of gas continuing twelve hours. Three workmen were suffocated, occupants of neighbouring houses showed symptoms of asphyxia, and over an area of country about 3,300 feet long and 1,600 feet wide, chickens, dogs and birds were killed by the gas. From the surface of the ground 52 tons of very fine coal dust were collected, the wind having probably carried away as much more. The dust covered the machine room, sixty feet from the mouth of the shaft, to the depth of a yard, and penetrated to workings 50 feet from the shaft. From the various galleries of the mine nearly 1,800 tons of coal dust were taken. The coal seam penetrated was about sixty feet thick, and the great quantity of gas liberated has been attributed to this unusual thickness and the large area covered by the simultaneous blasts.

The “Psophograph,” the new voting machine that has been attracting much favour in Italy, is about two feet and a half high, and has slots in

the back for receiving votes, which are cast in

the form of heavy discs. As a disc drops, it is

recorded in the corresponding section in

the front of the machine.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ALINE, British str., 1,450, J. Martin, 2nd Jan.  
—Saigon 23rd Dec., Rice—Man Fat.  
BUJUN MAU, Japanese str., 1,811, Y. Fuseno,  
1st Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., General—  
Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

CHIYUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 2nd  
Jan.—Shanghai, 23rd Dec., General—  
C. M. S. N. Co.

HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodges, 1st  
Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., Tea and General—  
Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HANGCHOW, British str., 99, G. Mawley, 2nd  
January—Chefoo 27th Dec., General—  
Butterfield & Swire.

KIANG CHING, Chinese str., 2nd Jan.—Canton  
KNIERSBERG, German str., 645, Alb. Niejahr,  
1st Jan.—Hoikow 31st Dec., General—  
Jebson & Co.

LOONGSANG, British str., 1,093, F. Wheeler,  
2nd Jan.—Manila 30th Dec., General—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PONGTONG, German str., 998, H. Oldsen, 1st  
Jan.—Bangkok 25th Dec., Rice—Butter-  
field & Swire.

PROMETHEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, H.  
Jensen, 31st Dec.—Bangkok 22nd Dec.,  
Rice, etc.—Aagard, Thoresen & Co.

PUGLIA, Italian cruiser, 3,200, Margins Cusani  
Visconti, 2nd Jan.—Shanghai 25th Dec.

SHAOHSING, British str., 1,307, McIntosh, 2nd  
Jan.—Dahli 26th Dec., Coal—Butterfield  
& Swire.

SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, T. Sugi,  
1st Jan.—Swatow and Swatow 31st Dec.,  
General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

SUMATRA, British str., 2,776, C. J. Benton,  
L.N.R., 1st Jan.—London 20th November,  
General—F. & O. S. N. Co.

SUNGKING, British str., 939, H. A. Had, 2nd  
Jan.—Iloilo 29th Dec., Sugar—Butterfield  
& Swire.

TIENTHIN, British str., 2nd Jan.—Canton

VICTORIA, Swedish str., 939, Thor Eckert, 31st  
Dec.—Helsingfors 28th and Hoikow 30th  
Dec., Rice and General—Wallem & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

1st January.

AMIGO, German str., for Hoikow.

ANHUI, British str., for Shanghai.

DEVAWONGSE, German str., for Swatow.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., for Shanghai.

KOHISCHANG, German str., for Bangkok.

KWONGSANG, British str., for Swatow.

MANCHURIA, American str., for Shanghai.

ONAFIA, British str., for Manila.

PROMETHEUS, British str., for Swatow.

TSINTAU, German str., for Swatow.

WEA CASTLE, British str., for Manila.

YUNNAN, French str., for Yokohama.

YUNNAN, British str., for Swatow.

2nd January.

DAIGI MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.

HAIYUN, British str., for Swatow.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Haiyang* reports: Light  
and variable wind with thick fog, and smooth  
sea.

The British str. *Loongrang* reports: Light  
to moderate monsoon, slight sea and fine  
weather.

The Chinese str. *Chiuyuen* reports: Dense  
fog to Turnabout with calm and smooth sea,  
hence moderate monsoon.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 31st.

KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.F.M.S. *Rainha*

Amelia, Hilary, Rio Long, Robert Lecky,

Heungshan, Hau Kong, Pronto,

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Juteopolis.

TAIPOO DOCK—Wuhu, Manchuria, Kwei-  
Yung, Kuan-chung, Oscar II.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA...

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BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR  
COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

For NEW YORK.

"WRAV CASTLE" 4th Jan.

For Freight and further information apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1909. [1540]

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE  
AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for  
the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th January,  
at NOON.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for  
passengers, is installed throughout with Electric  
Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN

(Occupying 24 Days).

Steamers leave about every 3 weeks for  
Shanghai and Yokohama, returning via Kobe  
(Inland Sea), Moji to Hongkong, providing a  
stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return tickets are available by the Indo-  
China Steam Navigation Co. & Steamers.

Fare for round trip, \$120.

For Freight Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [122]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON,

AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT,

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,

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THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR  
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THE Steamship

"DELHI,"

Captain G. W. Gordon, R.N.R., carrying His  
Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this  
for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the

8th January, 1910, at NOON, taking passengers  
and cargo for the above ports in connection

with the Company's str. "Mona," 11,000  
tons, from Colombo, passenger accommodation  
in which vessel is secured before departure  
from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and  
Tea for London (under arrangement), will be

transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer  
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London

other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay by the R.M.S. "DELHI,"

due in London on the 19th February, 1910.

Parcel will be received at this Office until

4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents  
and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [1]

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "K," nearest Hongkong "L," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "M," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "K.W." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

## DESTINATION.

## VESSEL'S NAME.

## FLAG &amp; REG.

## BERTH.

## CAPTAIN.

## FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO

## TO BE DESPATCHED.

LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	Brit. str.	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 12th inst.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	Brit. str.	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	About 19th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	Ger. str.	Schwinghamer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th inst.
HAVEL & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	Ger. str.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th inst.
HAVEL, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	Ger. str.	v. Dohlen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th inst.
SCENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	Eros	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of Feb.
INDIEN	Swed. str.	A. Christensen	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
POLYNESIEN	Fren. str.	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th inst., at D'light
TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	E. Boyd	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at D'light
CANTON	Dan. str.	R. Hayes	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th inst.
KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	K. Sato	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
SUCHONIA	Ger. str.	F. Prosche	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 2nd Feb., at D'light
PIMBROKESIRE	Brit. str.	T. Saito	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
AM. MARU	Jap. str.	P. J. van Emmerick	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
BRASILIA	Ger. str.	C. Lindbergh	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YAMADA MARU	Jap. str.	R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at D'light
SEASIDE MARU	Jap. str.	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	P. E. Friedrich	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJIN	On 19th inst., at Noon.
COBLENZ	Ger. str.	E. Malchow	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	Quick despatch.
NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	R. Smith	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	S. Hodges	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th inst.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	C. Lindbergh	BRADLEY & CO., LTD.	On 6th inst., at 4 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	A. Stewart	DODWELL & SWIRE	On 7th inst., at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	H. Powell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th inst., at 4 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	E. Malchow	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	S. Hodges	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	C. Lindbergh	MELCHERS & CO.	On 17th inst.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	A. Stewart	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	H. Powell	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	E. Malchow	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	S. Hodges	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th inst.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	C. Lindbergh	BRADLEY & CO., LTD.	On 6th inst., at 4 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	A. Stewart	DODWELL & SWIRE	On 7th inst., at Noon.
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NIKKO MARU	Ger. str.	C. Lindbergh	MELCHERS & CO.	On 17th inst.</

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, SUMATRA and YOKOHAMA	Capt. C. J. Benton	About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Capt. H. Powell	7th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELVILLE	Neon, 8th Jan.	See Special of Call.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT	SICILIA	About 12th Jan.	Freight and ANG.
SAID and MARSEILLES	Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	Jan.	Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1910.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**  
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 4th Jan., 3 P.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKUANG"	On 5th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 6th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY	"CHANGSHA"	On 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
with Transhipment to TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH		
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 9th Jan., D'light
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1910.

**EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.**  
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GOTHENBURG.

**PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.**

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIK PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.,
COPENHAGEN and BALTIK PORTS	"INDIEN"	Middle of Feb.,

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

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**INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.**

**PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
WEIHAIWEI, CHENCO & CHINWANTAO	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday, 4th Jan., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Tuesday, 4th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wednesday, 5th Jan., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 5th Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 7th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SH'HAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 21st Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Saturday, 22nd Jan., Noon.

**RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.**

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yungtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin &amp; Newchwang.

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Telephone No. 216, Sal. Each 4.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., LTD., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1910.

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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.**

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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING.
"HAIYANG," Capt. A. E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 4th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"HAIMUN," Capt. Evans	SWATOW	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"HAICHING," Capt. W. C. Passmore	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 7th Jan., at 10 A.M.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK &amp; CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1910.

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**CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 8th Jan., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 15th Jan., Noon.
				For Freight or Passage apply to HONGKONG, 1st January, 1910.

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO., General Managers. [12]

For further Particulars apply to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIKINI	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	Second half of Jan.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Feb.	JAPAN	First half of Feb.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.  
Telephone No. 375.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1909.

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HAMBURG.

**EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.**

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

HOMeward.

FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG &amp; ANTWERP:

FOR HAVRE &amp; HAMBURG: 5th Jan.

FOR HAVRE, BREMEN &amp; HAMBURG: 5th Jan.

FOR MARESILLES, ROTTERDAM &amp; HAMBURG: 5th Jan.

FOR MARESILLES &amp; HAMBURG: 5th Jan.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

Hongkong Office.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

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1910.

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MANDOLINES, OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN  
Route to EUROPE.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY.  
To-day, the office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French  
Mail from Europe, the Post Office will open for one hour only for the delivery thereof.  
There will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday, and the Money Order  
Office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale 50 cents each.

The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Choofoo if no steamer  
is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The Nova, with the French mail of the 3rd December, left Saigon on Saturday, the 1st  
Jan., at 4 a.m. and may be expected here to-morrow, at daylight. This packet brings replied to  
letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th October.

FOR	PER.	DATE.
Swatow and Bangkok	Angkin ...	Monday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Chinkiang	Kuangching ...	Monday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Harjang ...	Tuesday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
Wuhsien, Chofoo and Chinawanta	Chongshing ...	Tuesday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Haliphong	Hongkong ...	Tuesday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
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Europe, &c., India via Tunicorin (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Printed Matter and Sam- ples ...	10.00 A.M.
	Registration ...	10.00 A.M.
	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	
	Registration, Kowloon E.O. ...	10.00 A.M.
	No late fee.	
Manila	Tean ...	Letters ... 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Yatshing ...	Tuesday, 4th, 2.00 P.M.
Saigon	Pronto ...	Tuesday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Culcutta	Kunsang ...	Tuesday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Sabakuan	Mausang ...	Wednesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Frederickton	Eastern ...	Wednesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.

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#### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 31st.

ON LONDON:—

Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1/94

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/95

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1/93

Jredits, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/97

Documentary Bills 4 months' sight/1/10

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 226

Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 230

ON PARIS:—

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 226

Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 230

ON GERMANY:—

On demand ..... 1834

ON NEW YORK:—

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 432

Credits, at 60 days' sight ..... 45

ON BOMBAY:—

Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1331

Bank, on demand ..... 1331

ON CALCUTTA:—

Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1331

Bank, on demand ..... 1331

ON SHANGHAI:—

Bank, at sight ..... 75

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 752

ON YOKOHAMA:—

On demand ..... 88

ON MANILA:—

On demand ..... 88

ON SINGAPORE:—

On demand ..... 768

ON BATAVIA:—

On demand ..... 1084

ON HAIPHONG:—

On demand ..... 84.7 pm.

ON SAIGON:—

On demand ..... 87 pm.

ON BANGKOK:—

On demand ..... 853

OVERSEAS, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 311.10

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Chinese ..... 10 " ..... 58.15 "

Hongkong ..... 20 " ..... 56.75 "

Hongkong ..... 10 " ..... 57.80 "

OPIUM.

December 31st.

Quotations are:—

Malva New ..... \$1,370/1,400 per picul.

Malva Old ..... \$1,410/1,420 "

Malva Older ..... \$1,430/1,440 "

Malva V. Old ..... \$1,450/1,460 "

Persian fine quality ..... \$1,100/1,200 "

Persian extra fine ..... \$1,250/1,300 "

Patna New ..... \$1,465 per chest.

Patna Old ..... \$1,475 "

Benzoin Old ..... "

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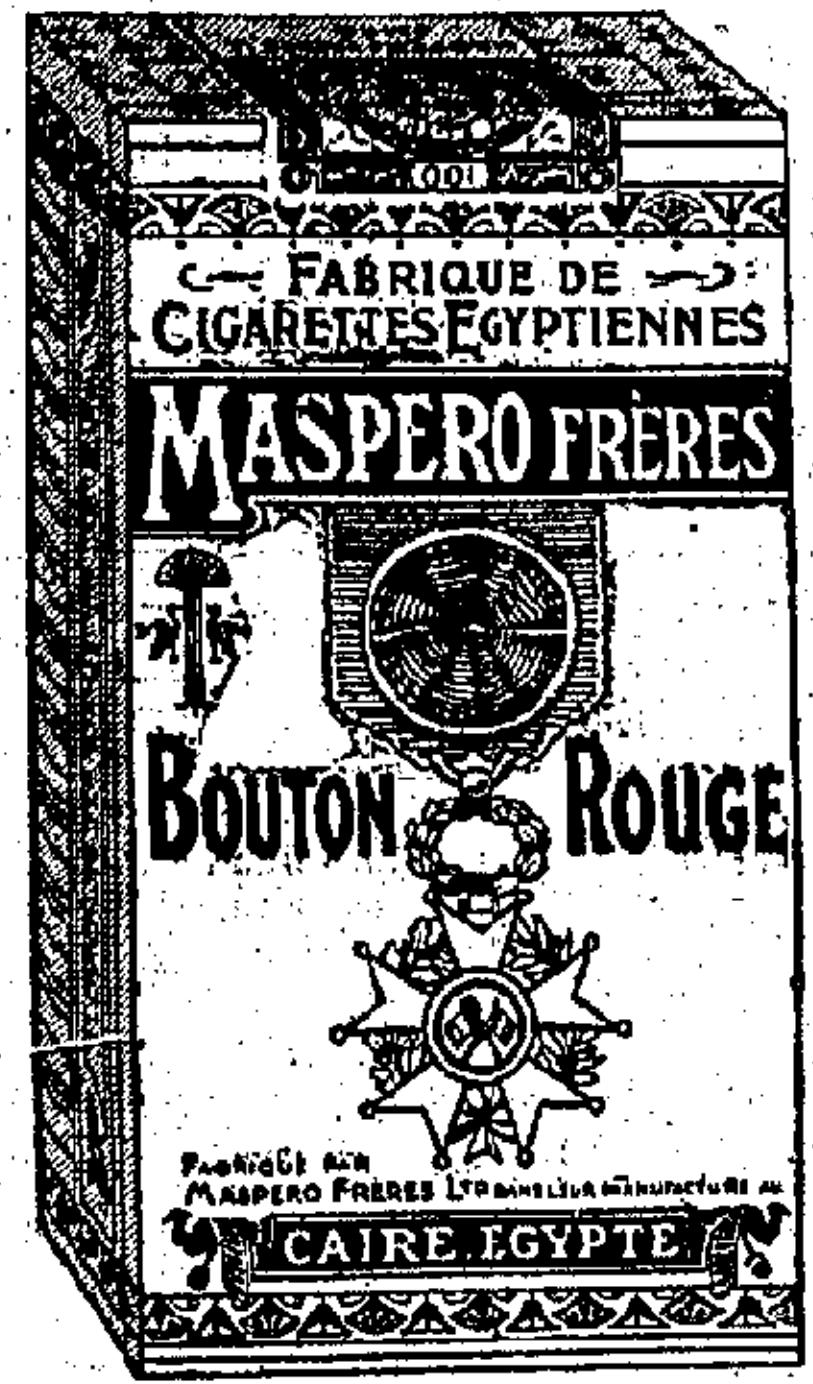
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#### SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

#### VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.  
The C.N. Co.'s str. *Changsha* from Australia  
may be expected here to-day.

The I.G.M. str. *Cobden* left Yap on the  
31st ult., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here  
on or about the 6th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The *Apear* str. *Apear* from Calcutta  
left Singapore on the 28th ultimo afternoon,  
and may be expected here to-day.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Nere* with the French Mail of  
the 5th ult., and mails from London of the  
4th ult., left Saigon on the 1st inst., at 4 a.m.,  
and is expected to arrive here to-morrow  
morning, and will probably leave for Shanghai  
and Japan the same afternoon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left  
Vancouver for Hongkong on the 18th ultimo  
via the usual ports of call.

The C.P.R. str. *Montague* left Vancouver for  
Hongkong via usual ports of call on the 29th  
ultimo p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Asia* left Yokohama on the  
27th ultimo, and is scheduled to arrive at  
this port on the 6th inst.

THE MERCHANT SHIPS.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Liuwan* left Shanghai on  
the 30th ult., and may be expected here to-  
day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tokio Maru* (Bombay  
Line) left Singapore on the 25th ult., and is  
expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tango Maru* (European  
Line) left Moji on the 27th ultimo, and is  
expected here to-day.

The C. & M. str. *Rubi* left Manila on the  
31st ult., at 5 p.m., and is due here to-day.

The H. A. Line str. *Branzit* left Bangkok  
on the 28th ult., a.m., and may be expected  
here to-morrow.

The str. *Knight of Thistle* left Tacoma on  
the 18th ultimo for Yokohama, Kobe, Moji,  
Hongkong and Manila.

The Bank Line str. *Ocean* left Vancouver  
on the 21st ult. for Hongkong via Japan ports.

The str. *Glenearn* left Singapore on the 30th  
ultimo, and is due here on or about the 6th instant  
a.m.

The Danish str. *India* left Port Said on the  
20th ultimo, and may be expected here on or  
about the 17th inst.

The Eng. Hok Fong S.S. Co.'s str. *Perseus*  
sailed for Hongkong, via Mazatlan and Guaya-  
mas on the 21st ult., and is due here on or  
about the 24th inst.

#### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Haiyang*, from Foochow, Mrs. Gibson.

Per *Loonsang*, from Manila, Messrs Moore  
and McDonald.

Per *Sumatra*, for Hongkong, from London,  
Mr and Mrs. W. E. Head, Mr. W. H. Chapman  
and child, Mrs. E. M. A. Apear and maid,

Messrs. S. B. McElroy, R. E. Lindell, H.  
Lumb, H. Pogson, D. Sellett and D. Campbell,  
from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Strang; from  
London, for Shanghai, Messrs. H. L. Turner  
and Paul Donquet; for Yokohama, Mrs. Jones,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. Blair, Messrs.  
L. Tolmas and J. Shaw; from Marseilles, Mr  
D. Schatzky.

DEPARTED.

Per *Prinz Eugen*, for Shanghai, Mr. and  
Mrs. Max Muller, Mr. and Mrs. John E. B.  
Muller, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fleischig, Capt. and Mrs.  
A. W. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ernest, Lieut.  
and Mrs. E. L. Gruber, Dr. and Mrs. Bent, Mrs. A.  
Torney, Mrs. H. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. Bent, Mrs. A.  
L. W. Taylor and child, Mrs. Mackenzie, Misses  
Dorothy and M. Brent, Capt. F. D. J. Parker,  
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Hassan, Lawrence, J. Adams, W. Keller, A.  
Kuenzel, W. Gempeler, H. Mackenzie, Wocke,  
W. Blair, D. Schumann and F. Schaefer.

Per *Goebl*, for Europe, &c., Mr. and Mrs. G.  
Poncin, Mr. and Mrs. J. van der Heukel, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. McAuslan, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Howard,  
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Shelby, Mrs. Leyboth and child, Mrs. N. Nishi,  
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